



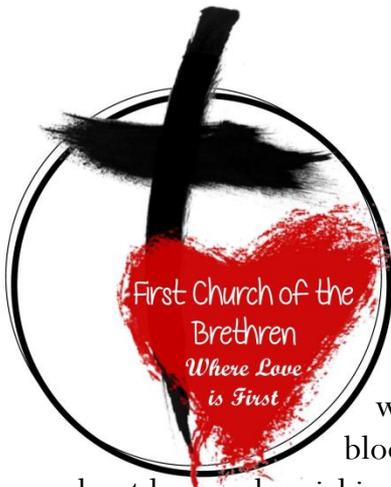
...IN EVERYTHING
GIVE THANKS;

FOR THIS IS THE
WILL OF GOD
IN CHRIST JESUS
FOR YOU.

I THESSALONIANS 5:18

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I have heard some pastors and church people say that there are churches where they don't want to hear about the blood of Christ. That they want to hear about love and social justice and living together in peace and all kinds of warm and fuzzy stuff. They say that they don't want to hear about sin and hell and the need for Jesus' blood. I have to say that I have never been in such a situation. Churches that I have served have always desired for me to preach the truth of the gospel. They have had not had a problem with singing "Are you washed in the Blood?" or "Nothing but the Blood" or other hymns that refer to the fact that we are sinners and that the only solution to that problem is the blood of Christ. So, I will continue to preach Jesus Christ and him crucified.

I know this may have been sort of a roundabout way to get here, but I want to talk a little more about blood. Blood is key. In addition to the fact that we need, for eternity's sake depend on the blood of Christ for our salvation, we also depend on our own blood running through our veins to keep us alive. And every day, thousands of people depend on blood donors to provide replacement for blood lost due to illness or injury.

A couple months ago, the Home and Family Committee asked me to explore the possibility of hosting a blood drive here at the church and I am excited to announce that we have a Red Cross Blood Drive scheduled for Wednesday, August 18 from 1-5 pm. Our goal for the drive is 20 units. In addition to donors, we will need volunteers throughout the day.

People to check in donors, as well as some other responsibilities, are needed. There are signup sheets on the bulletin boards to sign up to help. Also, if you would like to donate some cookies, there is a place to sign up for that, too. Please have them wrapped two to a package in order to follow current guidelines. You can also sign up there for a time to donate or you can do that online as well. Please help us to spread the word, too, so that we can have a successful drive.

For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them. Matthew 18:20

Other items:

Reminder: Pastor Doug is still looking for men to attend the Ignite Men's Conference, please call, text, or email Pastor Doug today.

Bible Study will begin on Tuesday, July 13 at 11 am.

Friday Prayers will continue this Friday at 10 am in the sanctuary.

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Omnipresent

We may ignore, but we can nowhere evade, the presence of God. The world is crowded with him. He walks everywhere incognito. And the incognito is not always hard to penetrate. The real labor is to remember, to attend ... in fact to come awake. Still more, to remain awake.

-C.S. Lewis

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Pray Without Ceasing

Sheila Barnes, Eugene Barton, Lucy Bradford, Katherine Bridges, Carolyn Combs, Melissa Dalton, Donnie Gilley, JT Hale, Barbara Janney, Gary Janney, Tania Martin, Salem Nelson, Marie Priddy, Aaron Roach, Jutta Shelton, Roger Shockley, Louise Tudor, Patsy Underwood, Gail Walker, Danny Whitley, Frankie Wilson

Thinking of You

Kathy Bridges

District Prayer Request

Pray for continuing progress in the fight against the COVID-19 virus. Let us give thanks for divine wisdom and knowledge given to those in the scientific and medical research communities whose labor benefits us all.

Thank you for continuing to honor your commitment to the work of Jesus Christ through your tithes.

Would you rather send your tithes by PayPal?

You can find us listed as Ncbrethren.tithe@gmail.com



If you cannot attend regular Sunday service do not forget that you can watch a live stream of Sunday Worship service on YouTube. Find us on YouTube as Eden NC Church of the Brethren, where you can view the live stream each Sunday, or watch any of our recent sermons online.

The Witness Commission will be collecting items for Hospice of Rockingham County during the months of June & July.

Please help them keep providing comfort to others by purchasing some items on their wish list. You may place the items just inside the door downstairs or in the container in the narthex. If you prefer to make a monetary donation, make your check payable to the church and put “hospice” on the memo line. You can place all monetary donations in the offering plate. Thank you for all your help!

Calling all King’s Club teachers, helpers, and any possible volunteers! All are invited to a brainstorming session for the King’s Club program. Join us Wednesday, July 21st at 6 pm to discuss the structure of the King’s Club program as we try to prepare a possible start date of September 1st.

Attendance and offering for the week of July 4, 2021

Attendance :

Offering	\$	4,880.80
Sunday School	\$	20.00
Hospice	\$	<u>80.00</u>
Total	\$	4,980.80

Finding freedom

The paradox of faith is that when we conform our lives to Christ, then we gain our true freedom. And its fruit is profound and lasting happiness.

-Vincent Nichols

Upcoming Birthdays

July 13: Martha Bragg

July 15: Louise Tudor

Happy Anniversary

July 12: Eugene & Mary Frances Barton

July 17: David & Kim Wood



Summer faith practices

Be a gardener.

Dig a ditch, toil and sweat,
and turn the earth upside down

and seek the deepness
and water the plants in time.

Continue this labor
and make sweet floods to run
and noble and abundant fruits to spring.

Take this food and drink
and carry it to God as your true worship.

—Julian of Norwich, Christian mystic